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EIGHTH ANNUAL S. D. C. CONVENTION

Ward A. Neff of Chicago, vice-president of the Corn Belt Farm Dailies, was elected president of Sigma Delta Chi at the Eighth Annual Convention held in December at Manhattan, Kan. Mr. Neff is editor of the Daily Drivers Journal, Chicago, and last year served as national treasurer of the fraternity.

Dean Walter Williams of the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri was elected honorary national president. Dean Williams is president of the Press Congress of the World.

The other officers named are:

First vice-president, Peter Vischer of the staff of the New York World. He was organizer of the Cornell chapter of Sigma Delta Chi.

Second vice-president, Prof. H. H. Herbert, director of the School of Journalism of the University of Oklahoma.

National secretary, T. Hawley Tapping, resident staff correspondent of the Booth Publishing Company at Ann Arbor, Mich.

National treasurer, George Pierrott, assistant managing editor of the American Boy, Detroit, Mich.

Alumni secretary, Donald Clark, the Northwestern Banker, Des Moines, Ia.

The editorial supervision of the Quill was placed by the convention in the hands of the president and two past presidents. The office of editor was discontinued and the office of managing editor was created. The place of the editor on the executive council is taken by the holder of a newly created officer, alumni secretary. The service of Chester W. Cleveland of Chicago as managing editor has been obtained by those who have charge of the editorial supervision of the magazine.

The Eighth Annual Convention of Sigma Delta Chi was called to order at the Kansas State Agricultural College Wednesday, November 15, by President Kenneth C. Hogate. The delegates responded to roll call as follows:

Depauw Eugene Thackery
Kansas Joseph Turner
Michigan E. Parrish Lovejoy, Jr.
Denver Theodore Christian
Washington Owen Cowling

Purdue Arthur S. Bowes
Ohio State Dallas R. Tobin
Wisconsin Roy L. French
Iowa Lorenze Wolters
Illinois I. E. Showerman
Missouri Gerald Perry
Texas Henry C. Fulcher
Oregon George Godfrey
Oklahoma Hutton Bellah
Indiana Nelson Poynter
Nebraska Oswald R. Block
Iowa State Mortimer Goodwin
Stanford Kenneth Stewart
Montana William N. Cogswell
Louisiana T. Adams
Kansas State C. R. Smith
Maine Hazen Ayer
Beloit Henry Ralph
Minnesota A. S. Tousley
Miami Grayson Kirk
Knox Craig Johnson
Western Reserve Charles Noran
Grinnell Dana Norris
Pittsburg Lindsey M. Nevin
Columbia Paul Frederichsen
Colorado Ralph Crosman
Cornell Chilson Leonard
Oregon State Prof. Frank L. Snow
Marquette Edmond S. Carpenter
North Dakota Walter C. Folley
Northwestern Wallace Abbey
Detroit Alumni Lee White
Chicago Alumni Chester Cleveland

At the first session Ralph Crosman, Colorado, gave a short talk regarding the principles and future of Sigma Delta Chi. The following committees were appointed by President Hogate:

Credentials: Christian, Bowes, Perry.

Quill: Neff, White and Cleveland, alumni advisors; Frederichsen, Leonard, Carpenter.

Constitution: French, Poynter, Nevins.

Ritual: White and Lovejoy, standing committee; Lovejoy, Crosman, Cogswell.

Audit and Finance: Smith, Snow, Walters, Ayer.

Convention: Norris, Ralph, Sample.

Expansion: Turner, Godfrey, Ralph.

Chapter Activities: Herbert and Beckman, advisors; Folley, Bellah, Goodwin.

Professional ethics (standing): Beckman, Blackledge, White; (convention) Crosman, Tousley, Abbey.

Nominations: Thackeray, Showerman, Lovejoy.

Resolutions: Johnson, Thackeray, Ayer.

Discipline: Snow, Lovejoy, Goodwin.

Relation with contemporaries: Herbert, advisor; Austin, Stewart, Goodwin.

Local publications: Beckman, advisor; Cowling, Wolters, Fulcher.

Transportation: Neff, advisor; Adams, Ralph, Kirk.

Policy: Neff and Hogate, advisors; Perry, Frederichsen, Tousley, Abbey, Sample.

A recess of half an hour was declared to allow the Quill, the audit and finance, and the credentials committees to meet. When the meeting reconvened Professor F. W. Beckman, Ames, extended a word of greeting to the delegates. He told of the good effect and the inspiration obtained by the Ames chapter from the 1921 convention.

Secretary T. Hawley Tapping, also gave a greeting to the delegates. He made the following report.

To the National Convention of Sigma Delta Chi.

Greeting:

This report is to be designed more to supplement the article which appeared in the October 1922 Quill than to serve as a complete review of the activities of this office for the fiscal year now ending. My function at this convention can best be served by individual conferences with the chapter delegates and not by the making of lengthy reports.

There are a few general principles that I wish to touch on briefly in order to suggest possible legislation or to call attention to matters of general administration.

Continuity of Chapter Administration.

The chapter should name a most efficient man as secretary. His choice from among the juniors of the chapter is advisable in order that he may aid and instruct the new secretary in the year

following. In this way constant repetition of misakes in handling chapter records and correspondence will be avoided.

Pledging of Sophomores.

Breakdowns in chapter administration very often are due to the short life of the members in the chapter. This convention could very well consider the enunciation of a new policy concerning sophomores with special or intended application to those chapters in well-established schools of journalism. In such cases professionalism is pronounced and the danger of a later change in intent less evident. For the chapters drawing their membership from the general student body, rather than a well defined professional group, present rules should be continued and rigidly adhered to. The time will come when our fraternity will be initiating freshmen in the same manner as other professional fraternities now do. We should prepare for that time.

Pledging Ceremony

The advent of the pledge pin has made advisable the use of a pledging ceremony. Some chapters already have adopted such a policy. There should be uniformity by this convention's legislation. One chapter has announced dissatisfaction with the pledge pin. Many have expressed real satisfaction. Your secretary would like to know the general opinion on this subject.

General Considerations

Chapter records were spoken of in the Quill article. Only a few chapters have a clean slate in this respect. Matters of campus activity, chapter undertakings, Quill relationship and finance, all will be taken care of in particular reports to the convention. In closing I wish to state that I believe a closer relationship between the national secretary and the chapters exists today than at any period previously.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) T. HAWLEY TAPPING

The report of the credentials committee was read by Chairman Christin, Denver. The report follows:

Credentials

"The committee on credentials wishes to report that all delegates presented the proper credentials with the exception of the delegates from Maine and Washington. That this condition was brought about through the negligence of the secretaries of those chapters and that letters be written to them reprimanding them. That these delegates be admitted to the convention and be allowed their vote."

Secretary Tapping remarked on the report. He stated that his office had received no notice that Cowling had been initiated or that Ayer had been pledged.

He attributed the fault to the negligence of the chapter secretaries. Mr. Ayer and Mr. Cowling explained their position. A motion was made that all delegates be seated with the provision that they send a report to the national secretary in regard to the matter. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Frederichsen called on Lee White for remarks in regard to the management of the Quill. Mr. White traced the history of the publication from its inception. He proposed that one man be hired to do the work.

Mr. Hogate gave some figures on the financial phase of the question. He stated that with three hundred initiations a year at \$6 each for the Quill, the total income would be \$1800 and that at a cost of \$200 per issue for six issues, plus the \$600 salary of Mr. Cleveland, the expenditures would balance the income. Mr. Crosman of Colorado suggested that some income might be obtained from advertising.

Mr. White replied that during the period of his editorship, advertising drives had been found to be wholly impractical.

He said however, that it could probably be made successful in the future. He stated that the campaign would take time and that the immediate problem was to put the editorial side on its feet. Mr. Neff suggested that a campaign among the alumni be started but he stressed the fact that it would take promotion. He believed that it might be possible through this means to have a monthly publication.

Mr. French of Wisconsin moved that the motion of Mr. Frederichson, chairman of the Quill committee, be adopted. Motion carried.

Secretary Tapping took the floor to suggest that since most of the members changed their addresses during the summer the August publication might better be put out in September. Mr. Tapping also suggested that some immediate advertising might be gotten from the fraternity jewelers. Mr. Frederichson replied to Mr. Tapping by saying that the majority of members were alumni and that their addresses would likely remain the same. Mr. Hogate moved that the matter be referred to the committee. Motion carried. Mr. Perry of Missouri read the following report of Frank L. Martin, editor of the Quill:

Quill Report

"EXPENDITURES: Quill Fund Dec. 1, 1921 to Nov. 1, 1922

Postage	\$ 4.34
Stamps	1.00
Quill delegate to convention 1921	30.00
Stamps	1.00
Engraving	10.30
Stamps	2.00
Typing Mailing List	8.50
Stamps	1.00
Stamps and Clerical	1.00
Postage	2.84
Printing	248.35
Postage	1.71
Stamps	1.00
Stamps	1.00
Stamps	1.00
Engravings	34.09
Drayage and labor of mailing	5.00
Drayage	1.00
Printing	316.45
Fund drawn for trip to Ann Arbor. Full amount redeposited Oct. 31 after receiving draft for expenses from National Treasurer	150.00
Telegrams	2.24
Clerical Help for September	15.00
Total	\$838.82
Balance	\$670.19
Draft to National Treasurer	625.15
Balance in my possession for inc.	\$ 45.00

RECEIPTS: Quill Fund Dec. 1, 1921 to Nov. 1, 1922

Bal. Dec. 1, 1921	\$ 418.26
Dep. Jan. 11, 1922	72.00
Dep. Feb. 28, 1922	147.00
Dep. May 15, 1922	6.00
Dep. Mar. 30, 1922	120.00
Dep. June 1, 1922	388.00
Dep. July 29, 1922	207.00
Dep. Oct. 31, 1922	150.00
Total	\$1,508.26

Report referred to audit and finance committee. Mr. Tapping presented the secretary's report. It follows:

Secretary's Report

"Financial Report—Grand Secretary
Dec. 15, 1921 to Nov. 15, 1922.

"Received and forwarded to Editor Frank L. Martin on Remittances 180-2-4-6-8-90-2-4-5-7-9-201-3-5-7-9-11-13-15-17-19-21 for 287 new members—\$861.

Received and forwarded to Treasurer Ward A. Neff on Remittances 179-81-3-5-7-9-91-3-4½-6-8-200-2-4-6-8-10-12-14-16-18-20-22-24-26-28-30-32 for 359 new members—\$1795.

Received and forwarded to Treasurer

Ward A. Neff on Remittances 223-5-7-9-31-33 for 72 new members \$216 (Editor Acct).

Received and forwarded to Treasurer Ward A. Neff on Remittances 193-194½ Two charter fee \$50.

(Signed)

T. HAWLEY TAPPING"

Mr. Tapping's report included a discussion of the activities of each chapter and the relationship of each to the national organization.

The following report made by Mr. Neff, treasurer, was referred to the committee on chapter activities.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

Balance from Ames convention	\$ 413.84
Initiates General Fund	1,795.00
Charter Fees General Fund	50.00
Interest General Fund	8.00
Miscellaneous General Fund	25.00
Initiates Quill Fund	216.00
Past Editor Quill Fund	292.83
Editor Quill Fund	625.19
Total	\$3,425.86

Disbursements\$1,473.52

Bank Exchange90

Total\$1,474.42.....\$1,474.42

General Cash Balance\$1,951.44

Cash Balance in General Fund\$

Cash Balance in Quill Fund 1,133.92

Cash Balance in Emergency Fund 817.52

Total\$1,951.44

Balance Petty Cash—General Fund\$ 80.33

U. S. Bonds—Reserve Fund 200.00

Grand Total—Treasury Assets\$2,231.77

Signed, Ward A. Neff, Treas."

Mr. Crosman of Columbia announced that Colorado chapter had paid its fine. Mr. Neff suggested that the discipline committee consider a plan whereby the vote of any chapter would be barred in the convention unless the records with the national secretary were in good shape. Adjournment.

The delegates convened in the second session at 9:06 Thursday morning. Two delegates, Mr. Black of Nebraska and Mr. Tobin of Ohio State, who arrived late were introduced to the convention. Mr. Snow, chairman of the committee on discipline, gave a partial report. It provided that a fine of 50c be imposed at the regular meetings on all late delegates. The report was adopted. Mr. Cowling of Washington requested that all members submit their chapter publications to the committee on local publications. Mr. French of Wisconsin announced that he had a stock of Wisconsin agricultural publications available.

Mr. Tapping discussed the relations of the chapters with their national secretary. He suggested that a carbon copy of the meetings be sent to the national secretary. He told of the method by which Iowa State preserved their chapter correspondence. The chapter places its material in a steel file cabinet located in the office of Professor Beckman. The advantage of this, according to Mr. Tapping, is that it is in a central place where it is not likely to be disturbed or lost. Mr. Tapping also urged the practice of reading letters from national officers in the chapter meetings. He stated that this was important.

President Hogate called on Chester Cleveland of Chicago for a few remarks on his plans for the Quill. He anticipated no radical changes.

Mr. Frederickson of Columbia suggested that an alumni directory be established. Mr. Tousley of Minnesota asked if steps could be taken to insure the regular receipt of the Quill by all members.

Vice-President Herbert of Oklahoma remarked on the contest. He urged that more stress be laid on the keeping of the records.

Mr. White remarked that the question would come under national relations. He highly complimented the Oklahoma chapter on their efficiency, stating that they had been for years practically perfect in their relations with the national officers. He told of their method of keeping a running directory of alumni and stated that their records always came in promptly. He believed that if other chapters would adopt the same practice the publication of the Quill would be much more satisfactory.

Mr. Lovejoy of Michigan inquired in

regard to the pledge pin. A discussion followed. Mr. Leonard of Cornell stated that no use was found for the pledge pin at his chapter. Mr. Tousley of Minnesota remarked on the pledging program at his chapter. He stated that the period of probation was sometimes extended to several months in order that the men be given an opportunity to prove themselves worthy of membership in Sigma Delta Chi. He believed that the pin was necessary. Mr. Folley of North Dakota stated that at his chapter initiation was not held until six weeks after pledging and that the pledge pin was a necessity there. Mr. French of Wisconsin stated that no use was found for the pledge pin at Madison. Mr. Leonard of Cornell again took the floor and he replied to Mr. Tousley and Mr. Folley by saying that the logical practice was to find out about the man before he is pledged. Mr. Tousley explained that the men were carefully considered before pledging but that the object was to give them something to do that would make them have a great respect for the fraternity. Mr. Showerman of Illinois remarked that the pin was found to be unsatisfactory there. He stated, that it was almost impossible to recognize it and that a black and white ribbon had been found very satisfactory. Mr. Frederichsen of Columbia spoke of the situation at his chapter. He stated that no pledge pins were used as the conditions there made it possible to announce to the school the requirements for membership and thereby create interest. President Hogate believed that the matter at Columbia was not the same as at other schools and he stated that the use of the pledge pins was a matter of chapter option. He averred that the question was really: Is the pledge pin itself satisfactory?

Mr. Turner of Kansas said that his chapter was well satisfied with the pledge pin in its present form. Mr. Poynter of Indiana thought that the pin should be made a little larger. Mr. Tobin of Ohio State stated that the pledge pin was a fine thing and that the fraternities were not living up to the constitution if they did not use it. He also thought that the pin should be made larger. Mr. French of Wisconsin read the action of the constitution pertaining to the pledge pin.

Mr. Turner of Kansas moved that the use of the pledge pin be continued. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnson of Knox moved that the pin be made larger.

Motion carried. The motion was then referred to the constitution committee.

Adjournment taken for Theta Sigma Phi luncheon at the Gillette Hotel.

The delegates convened at 3:25 and adjourned for committee work at 3:30. Upon convening at 4:35, Mr. Tousley of Minnesota, chairman of the committee on relations of contemporaries, asked for a discussion on the situation at the University of Wisconsin, where Delta Phi Delta, a social professional fraternity, was organized by the journalism students, the leaders of which are members of Sigma Delta Chi. Delta Phi Delta is considering expansion.

Mr. Turner of Kansas urged that the members of Sigma Delta Chi at Wisconsin be asked to withdraw from Delta Phi Delta. Mr. French of Wisconsin, then explained to the delegates the conditions at his own chapter. He stated that the two fraternities worked together well and that no conflict whatever had been found; Delta Phi Delta was founded there by the leading men in Sigma Delta Chi; the social fraternity takes in freshmen and sophomores and points them toward Sigma Delta Chi. Mr. French expressed uncertainty as to whether a man would stay in Sigma Delta Chi if he were barred from Delta Phi Delta.

Mr. Folley, of North Dakota, inquired of Mr. French how the political situation, which in his opinion was bound to arise among the publications, was to be handled. Mr. French stated that he did not think a political situation would arise. Mr. Folley then brought up the question as to whether a man could belong to two national social fraternities at the same time. After some discussion it was decided that it was possible.

President Hogate then asked Mr. French for a statement of the requirements of Delta Phi Delta. Mr. French explained that anyone in journalism was eligible for that fraternity. Mr. White asked if the situation in Missouri was not analogous to the one at Wisconsin. Mr. Perry, of Missouri, explained that no attempt was to be made to nationalize the Dana Club, an organization of journalists. He stated that they intended to petition a national social fraternity and not to expand themselves. According to Mr. Perry, the men there had found, after several years of experience, that it would not work. Mr. Perry also stated that Kappa Tau Alpha did not conflict in any way with Sigma Delta Chi. Mr. White then stated that Phi Delta Epsilon was not in conflict with Sigma Delta Chi as it was not restricted to students in journalism.

Mr. Smith of Kansas State believed that membership of Delta Phi Delta Phi would probably at some future time think their standards better than those of Sigma Delta Chi. He stated that he

could not conceive of such an organization existing nationally. Mr. Dripps, of Ames, asked if it was not a fad at Wisconsin at the present time to establish such social professional organizations. Mr. French admitted that there were many such fraternities.

Mr. White suggested that it was partly the fault of the faculty, as similar to experiences in other schools. Mr. Folley, of North Dakota, remarked that Sigma Delta Chi should pride themselves on not being a social fraternity and that feeling would inevitably creep in that Delta Phi Delta should represent Sigma Delta Chi at national conventions. He stated that competition and politics would arise and as a matter of protection this social fraternity should not be allowed to exist.

Mr. Poynter, of Indiana, came to the defense of the Wisconsin delegates. He stated that practically all delegates belong to social fraternities anyway, and he could see no reason why objections should be raised to belonging to a semi-professional social fraternity.

Mr. Leonard agreed with Mr. Poynter. Mr. Ayer, of Maine, objected to the expansion of such fraternities. Mr. Goodwin, of Ames, suggested that action be delayed until actual developments took place. He believed that it was the wrong time to alter the constitution. Mr. Norris, of Grinnell, thought that the matter could well be considered at this convention. He explained the peculiar situation at Grinnell, which is a non-fraternity school. He stated that the chapter there saw no value in starting too many social fraternities and he heartily opposed the change in the constitution.

President Hogate then inquired of Mr. French why Sigma Delta Chi did not establish a house. Mr. French replied that the chief reason was that Sigma Delta Chi did not take in freshmen and sophomores and he could see no reason why a house should be maintained with juniors and seniors. Mr. Tousley asked that a motion be made to refer the matter to the committee on relations with contemporaries.

Several attempts were then made to frame a motion but none proved satisfactory. Mr. Perry, of Missouri, expressed himself as believing that the paths of the two fraternities would never cross and he cited as an example the situation at Missouri. Mr. French then read the section of the constitution pertaining to the matter.

Vice-president Herbert took the chair and President Hogate retired to the floor. Mr. Adams, of Louisiana, stated that the two fraternities would inevitably conflict and they could easily become arrayed against each other. President Hogate

then took the floor. He agreed with the delegate from Louisiana and could not see why the constitution should be amended for the benefit of the Wisconsin chapter. He stated that Sigma Delta Chi must fail to fill its place or there would be no place for any other organization of the same type and he said in closing: "If somebody must be a casualty, let it not be Sigma Delta Chi."

A motion was made to the effect that no change be made in the constitution to permit members of Sigma Delta Chi to become members of a social professional journalism fraternity.

Mr. Willoughby, of Wisconsin, defended the position of his chapter. He stated that there was no possible place for the two to conflict and that at least this was no time to act on the matter. He believed that the matter should be taken up if Delta Phi Delta should happen to come in conflict with Sigma Delta Chi. Mr. Folley asked that the question be read again. Mr. Beckman moved a substitute motion to the effect that this was no favorable time to amend the constitution.

President Hogate withdrew his motion. The substitute motion carried and the matter was referred to the committee on relations with contemporaries.

President Hogate then made a motion that the convention recognize that there was no conflict at Wisconsin chapter, and that if the activities of Delta Phi Delta expanded the matter be left to the action of the executive council under the provisions in the constitution.

Mr. Adams, of Louisiana, chairman of the transportation committee reported as follows:

Transportation Committee Report

"The committee finds, in conference with Mr. Neff, national treasurer, that of a total of 41 delegates the average transportation is \$43.17;

"That the pre-convention data furnished by the secretaries of the various chapters tallies, with a few exceptions which have been taken up with the delegates individually;

"That the committee is now ready to take up the pro-rata system with the various delegates, refunding or assessing as the cases may be."

The report was accepted.

Chairman Snow, of the discipline committee, requested that the delegates from Nebraska, Montana, Washington, Iowa, Marquette, Columbia, and Western Reserve meet with him immediately after adjournment.

Mr. Smith, of Kansas State, outlined the plans for trip to Topeka on Saturday. Mr. Tapping gave a short farewell talk to the convention. Mr. Blackledge

proposed a standing vote of thanks for Secretary Tapping. The delegates rose and cheered.

The convention adjourned at 6 o'clock.

Meeting called to order at 8:30 o'clock Friday, December 17, by President Hogate.

Roll Call. Delegates Cowling, Bowes, Fulcher, Beelah, Poynter, Stewart, Kirk, Johnson, and Ayer absent. Each assessed a fine of 25 cents. A report of Chairman Smith, of the auditing and finance committee, was read and accepted. The report follows:

Report of Aud't and Finance Committee

"We have audited the reports of Treasurer Ward A. Neff, Secretary T. Hawley Tapping, and Quill Editor, Frank L. Martin and have found them to be correct. All of the reports check with each other."

Report of Mr. Norris, chairman of the Convention committee was read. The report follows:

Report of the Convention Committee

"After considering invitations for the holding of the ninth convention of the fraternity from eight different chapters, namely, Minnesota, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio State, Cornell, Oregon, Wisconsin and Northwestern, the convention committee makes the following recommendations:

"First: That the ninth annual convention of the fraternity be held at the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis.

"Second: That if there is to be any further discussion by the convention the invitation of the Indiana Chapter be given special consideration.

"Third: That the convention signify to the other chapters its thanks for their very cordial invitations and its appreciation of the sincerity of the same.

"Fourth: That in the future each inviting chapter be prepared to give the convention a close estimate of railroad fares from all the chapters to the expected place of meeting.

"Fifth: That the convention committee of the Ninth Annual convention read this report."

Invitations for the 1923 convention were reported received from Cornell, Michigan, Chicago, Minnesota, Indiana, and Ohio State. The following delegates presented their cases: Chilson Leonard, Cornell; E. P. Lovejoy, Michigan; Wallace W. Abbey, Northwestern; A. S. Tousley, Minnesota; Nelson E. Poynter, Indiana; Dallas R. Tobin, Ohio State.

Mr. Fredericksen offered the co-operation of the Columbia (N. Y.) chapter if Cornell should get the convention.

Treasurer Neff of Chicago called the convention's attention to the matter of

expense involved in getting out of the central area.

President Hogate read recommendation of the convention committee to the effect that Minnesota be given the convention for 1923 and Indiana for the following year. Committee's report accepted by roll call vote of 20 to 14.

Mr. Lovejoy reported on ritual committee and turned its elaboration over to Mr. White.

Mr. White presented his report on the ritual. Reports on the origin of the present ritual and the unsuccessful attempts to remodel it. Present ritual prepared by Cyril A. Player. Mr. White read message from Mr. Player explaining certain features of the proposed remodeling. Suggestion was made that where a newspaper is required in the ritual a certain newspaper be chosen each year and used by all the chapters. Mr. White read proposed ritual with comments.

President Hogate granted three minutes each to individual discussion in connection with the proposed ritual.

Mr. Turner of Kansas moved that the ritual be turned over to the author for any changes that seem necessary and that the final draft be accepted. Motion passed.

Mr. Leonard of Cornell moved that author be granted a vote of gratitude. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fredericksen of Columbia recommended that time be allowed between pledging and initiation for getting pins. He also recommended that the interpretation of "Chios" as being the only truth, be changed slightly so as not to offend pledges holding to other schools of philosophy.

Mr. Herbert of Oklahoma suggested that old men do not always exemplify the qualities they preach through the ritual and that this could be remedied by having the fraternity choose the men best fitted to officiate in the ceremony. He also suggested "messenger" and other such common terms in use in the ceremony be stricken out.

Mr. White explained that the old names were retained out of courtesy to the original author. Mr. Crossman of Colorado commended Mr. Herbert's remarks.

Mr. Lovejoy of Michigan suggested that the ritual contain a stipulation of the characteristics requisite of an officer in the fraternity. Mr. Hogate stated that the following suggestions deserved especial consideration: That the names of the officers be changed; that the officers be chosen for exemplary characteristics; that the ritual be specific on these characteristics.

The delegates gave their assent to these suggestions being incorporated in

the final draft by Mr. White and Mr. Player. Mr. Black of Nebraska suggested that something specific be done about an official Sigma Delta Chi grip. No action was taken. A motion was then made and seconded that the ritual as read be given over to the author for redrafting and final acceptance. Unanimously adopted. The report of ritual committee follows:

Report of Ritual Committee

"The Ritual Committee reports that it favors instructing Mr. White and Mr. Player to continue the drafting of the ritual as presented; and also favors endowing the Executive Council with authority to O. K. and publish the ritual."

Unanimous authorization was then made that a memorial service be prepared. It was also unanimously authorized that a ceremony by which alumni chapters could renew their oath annually be devised by the ritual committee. In connection with the use of a newspaper in the ritual Mr. Goodwin stated that in his chapter a certain issue of the Des Moines Register had been used for some time. He then moved that a committee be appointed at each convention to select a newspaper to be used in the initiation ritual. The motion was then amended to the effect that the executive council annually choose a newspaper. It was then moved that a representative periodical be selected. Motion defeated when put to a vote. Original motion passed. Mr. White was authorized to make the selection and he appointed Mr. Beckman, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Hogate and Mr. Neff to work with him.

Professor Beckman of Ames next reported on the progress of the ethics committee. He stated that the task of drafting a code of ethics for the fraternity was a huge one and that he could but report at this time. He read the following recommendations:

Report of Committee on Ethics

"A committee on a code of ethics has for some years been one of the customary institutions of Sigma Delta Chi and about as regularly as it was appointed it came to the national conventions with requests that the work be continued for another year.

"That again is the case. Your committee did not begin to function until three or four weeks before this convention meeting and it soon found that the task ahead of it would require months instead of weeks to make anything like an adequate report. Therefore at this time the best it can do is to report progress.

"However, a start has been made. About a month ago a division of labor was arranged whereby there might be

secured suggestions and material from interested members of the journalism profession. One member of the standing committee undertook to get from alumni members of the fraternity their views on a code, another, from leading members of the profession outside the chapter and from journalism teachers. A considerable amount of material has already been accumulated, but there has not been time to digest it and present the results of this labor. The chief conclusion of the committee is that the task is a large one and that it will require a year, or even more, of industrious effort to bring in such a report as the convention wants.

"Therefore, your committee makes these recommendations:

"1—That the standing committee of the convention be continued and that it be so constituted that it can and will immediately take up and bring this work to such a stage by the next convention that a complete report can be made. Such a committee should be constituted so that its membership may continue in the work for more than a year, for it is likely that a code of ethics will be a growth of some years rather than the product of sudden declaration.

"2—That this committee proceed first with a careful collection and study of the various codes of journalism ethics already put forth and other literature on the subject. Further, that as extensively as advisable leading members of the profession be invited to express themselves as to what should be incorporated in a code.

"3—That the committee collate this material and find in it such principles of professional conduct as seem to be commonly accepted as fundamental and present a simple statement covering them.

"4—That the committee prepare a bibliography of the literature bearing upon the subject of journalism ethics, directly or indirectly."

The report was unanimously accepted.

President Hogate then announced that the efficiency cup was to be awarded Friday night at the banquet, and that the following chapters included the winner: Cornell, Grinnell, Illinois, Iowa State, Marquette, Michigan, North Dakota, Michigan State.

Mr. Folley, of North Dakota, chairman of the activity committee, made this report:

Report of Activities Committee

"After examining reports of the chapters the committee wishes to comment on the remarkable development of the chapter activities during the year.

"It is the belief of the committee that in dealing with activities for the coming year, only such activities should be con-

sidered which are for the purpose of furthering the ideals and aims of Sigma Delta Chi.

"The committee makes no mention of dances, parties, outings, and the like held for the purpose of sociability and financial returns as these may be a part of the chapters program but do not come under the head of Sigma Delta Chi activities.

"The following recommendations are made to the chapters, to be used where conditions permit.

"A—For increasing chapter funds: 1. gridiron banquets; 2. special publications; 3. monthly magazines; 4. Wire reports on athletic contests.

"B—Work among high schools: 1. convention of journalists; 2. press association; 3. interest seniors in professional schools and departments of journalism; 4. urge publication expansion; 5. information and exchange bureau—bureau for development and criticism of publications.

"C—Scholarships, prizes, etc.: 1. establish fund for needy journalistic students; 2. chapter prize to leading member; 3. award to best state high school publication; 4. award to best state country weekly; 5. award to best written news or feature story contributed to the school paper (writer not a member of Sigma Delta Chi).

"D—Form and support organizations in school: 1. press club; 2. organize journalistic underclassmen; 3. urge women journalists to organize; 4. organize student board of control of publications.

"E—Chapter internal activities: 1. perfect chapter meeting attendance; 2. keep in touch with national headquarters; 3. better financial records; 4. publish record of active members and alumni; 5. employment bureau for graduating members; 6. permanent record of member activities; 7. strive to obtain, as associate members, those journalists who have attained distinction.

"F—Chapter external activities: 1. meetings for men, journalistically inclined, not in Sigma Delta Chi; 2. publish style sheet; 3. expand student publications; 4. publicity for school of journalism; 5. do away with politics in school publications.

"G—The University and Sigma Delta Chi: 1. co-operate in promotion of "Greater University" programs and campaigns; 2. promote school through press releases to state papers; 3. obtain school printing plant; 4. bring noted journalists as speakers; 5. general activities which tend to promote better feeling and unity on the campus."

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CONFESSIONS OF A COLUMNIST

BY HAROLD HOBBS

Kansas State Agricultural College

This is the day of confessions. Those people who have nothing to confess get along, as a rule, better than those whose pasts are dark with transgression, for the first are not bound by any embarrassing facts or impeding scruples about the truth. So, finding that there is no end of fun to be had from telling bad things about one's self I sit down to lay before an eager public the lurid details of a horrible existence. What is my chagrin to find that I have already confessed everything worth telling.

For the columnist dotes on exposes, and when he can no longer get anything embarrassing on other people he talks about himself—and often enough he doesn't even need that extremity to cause him to fly off into a fit of "I's." For instance, I am sitting at my columning typewriter awaiting inspiration (no, no, the psychologists would not call it that—stimulation, perhaps). At any rate I am sitting (not even thinking, mind you; for the psychologist robs us even of that hallucination—simply letting my mind wander) and gradually, after some hours, I come to the realization that I have very little to write about. My mind being in the vapid state my thoughts at length center upon myself, and after sitting stupidly wondering what I have done during the past week that is so unworthy of public notice as to deserve being put into print, I faintly remember that this morning I put my wonder collar, the kind guaranteed not to wrinkle down, on wrong side out and that I went around in that shamefully barbarian state all day long. I am off—in several ways, as the shameless punster would say. Do I stop with a simple statement or two about the damning act? Not at all; I have just started, and before I finish I have gone back two generations in an effort to trace the mental irregularity that would cause the abnormality (supposed traditionally to be committed only by professors); I have revealed the sacred secrets of the family washing, which nobody but the neighbors knows anything about; have dug up all complexes or associations by which the family income might have been related to the act; discussed my mental state before and after the discovery; mentioned the normal relation of my epiglottis to my collar; told what the traveling salesman said to my eighth maternal uncle when he found him in the same condition while they were both traveling in Pullman car, Gilbretta, on the

way to Bangor, Me., back in 1895; and ended with the possibility of the careless oversight having an influence on Liberia's attitude toward the Schezko-Slovak ministry in the next war.

No wonder I talk about myself—I am such an excellent subject for filler. But the point I started to drive home several hundred words ago was that when a columnist gets senile enough to want to sear his past life with the flame of publicity he will find nothing left to sear but a toasted, smoking mass—his periodical mutterings and the women have already done the job.

II

Ah, but it is a wise columnist who knows where to leave off with bare expose and to begin gradually and deftly weaving about his past that gossamer web of imagination and mystery that is so fascinating and infuriating to the women readers.

As all columnists will agree, women compose the chief stabilizing influence for a column—without them and their idiosyncrasies the life of the columnist would be but an empty jest. And it is also commonly agreed that no columnist becomes actually successful until he has insulted the women sufficiently for them to hate him, and to build up by their hatred a perverted attraction for him that is actually admiration and adds inestimably to his popularity. The pinnacle of the columnist's success is reached when the women, by common consent, agree that he is a woman hater. Then the columnist may be pardoned if he leans back in his chair for a moment and says with Ceaser, "Veni, vidi, vici!"

If the women knew in what affection and deep regard most columnists hold them, how chagrined—nay, infuriated, they would be for being duped—and it is part of the gentle art of columning to keep them in insulted and satisfied ignorance.

III

If there ever was an oligarchy the columnist belongs to one. Here he and a paltry hundred or so of his fellows sit enthroned and more or less incognito, saying things that almost everyone else is saying, and getting the credit and the veneration for it. Out on the streets his words sound as empty as they really are, and attract no more attention than they deserve—which is none. Yet the moment the paragraphers get in a newspaper office and

hide behind the anonymity of type their words attract thousands. They have little right to say what they do, but the creed of journalism says they are privileged and that they can say any mean thing they want to, while the poor duped rabble has only a tiny, precarious chance to come back. Say, speaking of oligarchies—but does the columnist feel ashamed of his place in the existing order? No! His base soul rises and exults and he sits down at his typewriter and puts a head on a clever contribution which will bring him fame.

IV

"Self respect," says H. L. Mencken, "is the secure feeling that, as yet, no one suspects."

Be it said seriously that one of the main functions of the successful columnist is to keep people from suspecting; for he knows what sand he builds upon. How often—Oh, how often does he give blessing for the fact that all those things which he says in all seriousness and sincerity will never be believed. It is only those paragraphs which he writes in a fit of absentmindedness or raillery, with no attempt at seriousness or sincerity, that the readers believe, and over which they fly into fits of anger. Each night the columnist adds to his prayer a word or two of thanksgiving for this idiosyncrasy of the reading public.

V

"Poor fellows," says the patronizing paragrapher, after learning with delight how something he has said has injured someone's sacred elephant, "they take themselves too seriously! That's it—they take themselves too seriously." I have said it myself, and with a very secure and intelligent feeling. Yet now and then I wake up with a start and wonder whether or not the columnist in his moments of concentration on some masterpiece of humor, or at those times when he is ridiculing the public for its too serious mind, is not taking himself the most seriously of them all. Why does one individual have any right to pass judgment on the mental states of his fellows? And the columnist, thinking that he has that right—is he not the greatest fool of all fools? Perhaps that delusion of self-importance is what causes him to lead a columnist's life—no one else would have enough pure nerve and dishonesty to assume such a position of responsi-

bility. Almost every individual is, in reality, a columnist anyway, so, in the showdown, the man with the fewest scruples gets the name. Without a doubt the paragrapher is the least ethical person in the fourth estate.

VI

There comes a time in the career of every columnist when he stops and asks himself, "Why are there so few women paragraphers?" And then proceeds to answer the question. I have reached that point in my own career, and, having asked the question, I will proceed to say that I don't know, either. Women certainly would be more troubled with ethical scruples than are the men, and they certainly have never been noted for their tender hearts. Nor are the women any less witty than the men—repartee even being their forte; and one of the things they dote on is that which is branded in society novels as sparkling humor. There is no doubt about them having the qualifications—perhaps the answer is that they haven't the patience; for writing a column consists mainly of sitting. Or perhaps their own kind will not accept them. Perhaps women are just catty enough to be jealous of any attempts of one woman to gain a pinnacle from which she can so obviously laugh at her sisters. Or, perhaps (and we favor this theory) the women feel that columning is sacred to woman haters and intend to keep the job inviolate. And now, having given my honest opinion on the problem (which no one will take seriously) I will be done with the enigma with the best sounding and most flattering argument of all. Some one said the other day that, in regard to a special occasion, no feminine remarks had been quite apropos, while the words of the men had been especially fitting. She (yes, it was she) said perhaps the reason was that women do not have the spontaneity of expression that is so characteristic of men. Patting my sex on the back I pass on.

VII

This is almost the last section. I will say that I have said enough. The real reason is that I have said all I can think of.

A great many paragraphers could write whole books on the art of columning, and on telling how it is done. Personally, I would not need a book to tell how I write a column. As I said before, my work is turned out mostly by sitting. Simplicity, it can be seen, features the whole process. Anyone who sits three hours and cannot turn out something funny is a sane person and shouldn't be fooling around trying to write a column anyway.

The chief function of the column is not to insult, but to entertain. Fortunately, few people realize this, so the life of the efficient paragrapher is always more or less enlivened. As soon as the readers of the column realize that they have been writing the affair themselves, which will almost certainly never come to pass, there will either be no more columns or else every home will own one.

VIII

One of the most cowardly tricks a member of the columning profession can perpetrate is to reveal the secrets of the trade. Considering all the ill-advised things I have said about the business, my life would logically be of little value in newspaper circles. However, I realize that as I have said these things seriously none of them will be believed, and I am safe.

THREE NEW MEMBERS FOR AMES CHAPTER

Three new members were initiated into the Ames chapter of Sigma Delta Chi at the last regular meeting before the holidays. R. L. Culver, '23, associate editor of the Iowa Agriculturalist; W. A. Whitfield, '24, issue editor of the Iowa State Student; and L. L. Dilworth, '23, of the Agriculturist staff were the men taken in.

At the banquet after the initiation, plans were made for the next annual gridiron banquet to be held April 27. Aware of the high reputation for wholesome fun established by past gridiron banquets the members are starting early this year to prepare a program.

W. E. DRIPS IN NEW WORK

W. E. Drips, instructor in journalism at Iowa State College and national executive councilman of Sigma Delta Chi, left Ames at the end of the winter quarter to enter the active journalistic field with Wallace's Farmer. Mr. Drips has been intrusted with the task of organizing a new department for that publication. He will have charge of the service department, with the duty of answering all queries that come to the farm magazine. At the last meeting of the local chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, the members passed a resolution expressing regret at Mr. Drip's termination of active work with the chapter.

BRUCE A. SWANEY MARRIED

Bruce A. Swaney, Michigan, '18, was married to Miss Clara Samberg of Port Huron, Mich., September 30, at Detroit. Brother Swaney is editor of The Cadillac Craftsman, the industrial paper of the Cadillac Motor Car Company.

FOUR CHAPTER MEMBERS IN A WHO'S WHO SECTION

Four members of the North Dakota chapter of Sigma Delta Chi were selected for the Who's Who section of the annual, The Dacotah, in a campus election open to juniors and seniors here recently. The twenty students who placed highest in the voting were the winners of the event.

The Sigma Delta Chi men who placed were: Walter Folley, chapter president; Paul Samuelson, chapter vice-president; Leslie Erhardt, editor of the annual and assistant of The Student; and Alfa E. Bye, university editor of The Student.

Three other members were among those who were favorites in the voting. They were: Allan Retzlaff, advertising manager of The Student; George Fraser, Quill correspondent and forensic editor of The Student; and Richard Watson, chapter treasurer. Brother Erhardt withdrew his name because of his position on the book conducting the contest and it did not appear in the announcement of the winners, although he placed among the first ten.

Charles Evans was elected first president of the Press Association of the North Central Athletic Conference at its first meeting here December 9. The conference was organized through the efforts of the North Dakota chapter and its charter members included students of all universities and colleges in the conference.

The convention of the association passed unanimous endorsement of the Sigma Delta Chi resolution on clean journalism. The Student, twice-a-week paper of the University of North Dakota on which all the members are working, won second place in the conference publication contest.

At the last meeting of the chapter, Brother Lawrence W. Murphy, faculty adviser, announced that the state convention of teachers of English, representing all high school, normal school and college English instructors in the state, had unanimously endorsed the work of the Northern Interscholastic Press Association, which was founded here last year by a committee of Sigma Delta Chi members.

Since the last edition of The Quill three men have been initiated: Brothers Allan Retzlaff, George Fraser and Alfa E. Bye. The chapter has five pledges: Charles Evans, Charles Allen, Peter Burtness, Adin Mann and Charles Burke. All the men are working on the student publications and the various activities which make up the program of the chapter.

IOWA STATE CHAPTER WINS S.D.C. CUP

Scoring 97.25 points out of a possible 100, Iowa State College chapter of Sigma Delta Chi carried off the cup offered in a competition opened for this first time last year to the chapter of the fraternity which was most efficient in chapter activities and relationships and which made the most meritorious record for 1921-22.

As a result, the beautiful silver loving cup, donated anonymously by Sigma Delta Chi enthusiasts at the 1921 convention, was taken to Ames. North Dakota, the youngest chapter of the fraternity, put up a good fight and, considering the short period of time since its establishment, that group has accomplished unusual things. It scored 90.8 points. Michigan was third with 87.75 points, Oklahoma was fourth with 87.5 points, Grinnell fifth with 87 points and Cornell sixth with 85.2 points. Honorable mention was given to Illinois, Marquette and Oregon State chapters.

Chapters competing in the cup contest—every chapter entered and 20 were selected as contenders—presented an unusual array of activities. Entertainment of high school journalists, the offering of cups for community work of dailies and country papers, helping to increase the college enrollment, furnishing free correspondence to state newspapers, staging gridiron banquets, publishing songbooks, sponsoring humorous magazines and elevating the standards of college publications in general, were only a few of the activities mentioned to show that everywhere Sigma Delta Chi was busy. Such an unusual array of activities was presented that this phase of the contest was hard to judge.

The cup, if it did nothing more, helped each chapter get in better and closer touch with the national officers and it will eventually aid the Quill, since in many cases considerable work was done to locate and interest the alumni of the chapters. It has stimulated the students, who are members of the fraternity, to more and better efforts in journalism and this will show its value in a few years through the better quality of members that the fraternity can boast.

In scoring the chapters on their efficiency and work the judges used the following table:

National Relations	20
Finances	14
Journalistic Activities	28
Character of Members	20
General Activities	5
Chapter Meetings	13
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	100



The chapters were scored by members of the Executive Council on the basis of reports submitted, each member of the council scoring each chapter. Wherever a member was either an alumnus of a chapter or vitally interested he did not score that group.

The Iowa State chapter, which was awarded the cup, has twelve members. It awards each year through the Iowa Press Association, two cups, one to the weekly paper and one to the daily paper of the state which has done the greatest community service to their localities. Besides staging a gridiron banquet each year, it publishes the college humor magazine, *The Green Gander*, and has entertained distinguished journalists on their visits to the campus. Its latest stunt is to publish a college song book which will be sold soon to the student body.

It was announced at the close of the 1922 convention that the contest will be repeated during 1922-23 and another cup will be awarded.

DOZEN OF FRATERNITY COVER AD CLUB MEET

Covering the Associated Ad Clubs of the World convention in Milwaukee last June, were at least one dozen Sigma Delta Chi members, active and alumni, who represented dailies, news services, press associations, trade papers and reported for large industrial firms of the Middle West.

Marquette chapter members were on the job. Among the assignments handled were features for the *Milwaukee Journal*, *Sentinel* and *Wisconsin News* by

George Dundon, Arthur Wiesner and Ray H. Pfau respectively; the *United Press* had Joseph E. Helfert, Frank L. O'Brien, Arthur Tiller and Guy Helms at work; while Chester H. DuCloe interviewed Sir Charles Higham of London, England, and many other notables at the convention on various angles of advertising as it affects the trade magazine field.

Alumni members of Sigma Delta Chi on Milwaukee publications and in the advertising game were there strong. Frank Marasco of the *Wisconsin News* pictured many of the notables in the columns of that paper with his pen. Kenneth E. Olson attended the sessions and the huge outdoor celebration on the lake front and gave the readers of the *Milwaukee Journal* many sidelights on persons and events. On the occasion of the pageant, "Neptune's Frolics," there were at least seventeen Sigma Delta Chis in the reviewing stand with the judges. A great reunion!

Marquette chapter claims that it had 100 per cent of its members in journalism work during the past summer in Milwaukee: Indianapolis; Hutchinson, Minn.; Oswego, Kan.; Cudahy, Wis.; Racine, Wis.; Madison, Wis.; and writing for national magazines and correspondence for news and technical papers.

FIVE IOWA NEWSPAPERMEN INTO SIGMA DELTA CHI

Five Iowa newspapermen were initiated members of Sigma Delta Chi, at a meeting of the Grinnell College chapter at the Grant Club, Des Moines, recently. The new members are Gardner Cowles, publisher *Des Moines Register*; Harvey Ingham, editor *Des Moines Register*; W. E. Battenfield, business manager *Des Moines News*; E. M. Smith, publisher of the *Winterset Madisonian* and G. C. Gillespie, publisher of the *Lemars Sentinel*. The two last mentioned men are active in the Iowa Press Association.

The Grinnell chapter was assisted in the initiation by the Des Moines Alumni chapter. The chapter at Iowa State College, Ames, was also represented at the affair.

Following the initiation a dinner was given. Short talks were made by President J. H. T. Main of Grinnell College, Prof. D. D. Griffith of Grinnell College, the five initiates, D. F. Malin, president of the Des Moines Alumni chapter, and Dana Norris, president of the Grinnell College chapter.

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The Quill to Chicago

With this issue, *The Quill* ceases to be published at the University of Missouri. The editorial supervision of the magazine in the future has been placed in the hands of the president and two past presidents by the fraternity, at its recent convention, and the office of managing editor created in place of editor. Chester W. Cleveland, 608 S. Dearborn street, Chicago, has been chosen managing editor and the *Quill* will be edited and published in Chicago.

There is no greater factor in the growth and advancement of a professional fraternity along the right lines than the fraternity's magazine. Every chapter and every member of the fraternity can be of service in helping the *Quill* become an organ of real merit and assume the duty of leadership that the fraternity, with its present development of strength and numbers deserves. May all of us give the new management and Mr. Cleveland, the managing editor, that support in the coming year through personal interest, contributions, suggestions, discussions, etc. The magazine will amply repay the fraternity and the individual members, if this support is forthcoming.

SIGMA DELTA CHI MEN

ON MARQUETTE JOURNALS

All publications issued by Marquette University School of Journalism, Milwaukee, are directed by members of the local chapter of Sigma Delta Chi.

The annual Marquette University Hill-top has on its staff as editor-in-chief Eugene Ball, '24, Milwaukee, Wis., who has contributed to this publication for the last six years with art work, cartoons, humor and editorial material. Before

entering Marquette he attended the university high school.

His selection of associate editor, with the approval of the faculty, results in appointment of Sigma Delta Chi members to practically all executive positions.

Among these are: Ray H. Pfau, '24, Indianapolis, Ind., associate editor in charge of departments; Albert P. Schimberg, '23, Greenville, Wis., publications; Arthur Tiller, Oliver Kuechle and Frank L. O'Brien, sports; Martin Lang, '24, Milwaukee, fraternities; Clarence Sievert, '24, official photographer; Arthur J. Hantschel, '23, Appleton, Wis., art and designing.

On the editorial staff of the Marquette Journal, periodical literary magazine of the college, are: Guy L. Helms, Salisbury, N. C., '23, editor-in-chief; Albert P. Schimberg, Chester H. DuCloe, Duluth, Minn., '24; Clarence Sievert, Fort Atkinson, Wis.; Arthur J. Hantschel and others as assistants.

The weekly news publication of Marquette University, The Marquette Tribune, includes on its staff, Edmund S. Carpenter, '23, Oswego, Kan., editor-in-chief; A. J. Hantschel, managing editor; with four other members of Sigma Delta Chi as follows: Frank L. O'Brien, '23, Lake Geneva, Wis., sporting editor; Martin Lang, fraternity editor; Clarence Sievert, circulation manager, and Allan Leni-check, '23, editorial writer.

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SUBSCRIBE TO MEMORIAL

The Ames chapter of Sigma Delta Chi holds the distinction of being one of the two undergraduate organizations on the campus whose membership has subscribed 100 per cent to the Iowa State College Memorial Union project. Every active member of the chapter has signed up for a \$100 bond payable upon and after graduation.

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COLORADO CHAPTER TO ENTERTAIN H. S. EDITORS

Plans are now being formulated by the University of Colorado chapter for taking charge of the program of the annual High School Editors' Conference, to be conducted on the campus January 26, 27, and 28. Widely known journalists of the state will address the meetings. A cup will be awarded the school presenting the best newspaper.

Members of the chapter will conduct, as well as participate in the program, particularly emphasizing the standards and ideals of Sigma Delta Chi. Various phases of newspaper work will be discussed by those who will conduct, open discussion in their own specialties.

The first state conference of this nature was held last March under somewhat the same conditions. Seventy-five high school journalists attended, representing practically every section of the state. The local chapter was responsible for the program, which brought to Boulder the best writers of Colorado.

Nine men were initiated into the University of Colorado chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, November 8, at the Boulderado Hotel. James A. Stuart, editorial director of the Rocky Mountain News, was taken in as an associate member and addressed the chapter at a banquet following the initiation. The men initiated were: Clarence Markham, Harry Wells, Zell Mabee, Numa Hayes, Dan Charlton, Fred Barnard, Logan Boyd, Edgar Turner, and Walter Humphrey.

S. D. C. CHAPTER INSTALLED BY KANSAS CITY ALUMNI

The week following the national meeting of the Sigma Delta Chi at Manhattan, Kan., the Kansas Chapter held its regular weekly meeting in which Joseph Turner, president of the chapter, told of the Manhattan meeting and explained all the business conducted by the fraternity.

The Kansas chapter expressed appreciation of the fraternity in granting an alumni chapter in Kansas City. Mr. Turner spoke at the installation of the new Kansas City chapter on Sunday, November 26. Officers for that chapter were elected at that time.

After the last meeting of the K. U. chapter, five pledges were announced, but they will not be initiated until early in January, in order that the new ritual, which was adopted at the National convention may be used.

There are ten charter members of the new Kansas City chapter who are graduates of the University of Kansas and members of Sigma Delta Chi at Kansas. They are: Paul Flag and Ray Runnion on the Journal-Post; Raymond Fagan, city editor of the Kansas City Kansan;

Tom Collins, Sunday editor of the Kansas City Journal-Post; Merton Akers, assistant city editor of the Kansas City Kansan; Claud Gray and Conwell Carlson of the Kansas City Star; Walter Herron, Charles Puffer and Camille Nohe of the Kansas City Kansan.

MONTANA CHAPTER HELPS SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

The state editorial association, which recently held its annual convention in Missouli, Montana, voted \$1,000 to the School of Journalism at the University of Montana to be spent in purchasing added equipment for the school. The money was presented as a proof of appreciation of the work done by the school and the local chapter of Sigma Delta Chi in building up a state news service. Gratitude was also expressed for the turning out of trained men and women for work in the Montana field of journalism.

During the recent campaign for funds for University buildings and maintenance, the Sigma Delta Chi chapter took an active part by furnishing the state newspapers with stories regarding the need of the money by the state institution.

President C. H. Clapp of the University of Montana has shown his appreciation of the work done by the Montana chapter of Sigma Delta Chi in advertising the homecoming celebration, which was held in November. The appreciation was expressed in a letter to Dean A. L. Stone of the journalism school.

The Montana chapter with the aid of the Montana chapter of Theta Sigma Phi has established a weekly news service to the high school papers of the state. The news stories contain activities of graduate students of the high schools who are in attendance at the state university, as well as items of interest in connection with university activities.

IOWA EDITORS GUESTS OF IOWA STATE CHAPTER

Editors of daily newspapers in Iowa were guests of the Iowa State College chapter of Sigma Delta Chi at a luncheon and football game, October 14.

At the luncheon, Prof. F. W. Beckman was toastmaster, introducing W. P. Wortman, editor of the Malvern Leader, Malvern, Ia.; G. L. Caswell, managing director of the Iowa Press Association; R. A. Pearson, president of Iowa State College; and C. F. Curtiss, dean of agriculture at Iowa State.

Means of obtaining greater co-operation between the college and the people throughout the state formed the basis for most of the talks. After the speeches the visitors were taken to State Field

ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL EDITORS ARE ENTERTAINED

Illinois chapter of Sigma Delta Chi did much to entertain and instruct delegates to the second annual convention of Illinois high school journalists at the University of Illinois in November. Elmo Scott Watson, faculty member of Sigma Delta Chi, was in charge of all arrangements for the conference. C. B. Davis, also a member on the faculty, addressed the journalists and was in charge of some of the sessions. J. A. Bell, president of the active chapter, and Ben Kartman, secretary, spoke to the delegates on newspaper subjects.

Bell and Kartman acted as judges in the newspaper contest conducted among the high schools of the state in connection with the conference. L. F. Triggs, vice-president, was a judge in the magazine contest.

The "Journalism Jamboree", which is conducted annually by Sigma Delta Chi, was postponed this year so that it might be held when the high school journalists were here. W. P. McGuire, managing editor of the American Boy, was obtained as the speaker. Theta Sigma Phi served the refreshments.

Illinois chapter is considering the publication of a book of art and literary sketches by about twenty members of the faculty.

OREGON INITIATES FOUR ACTIVE NEWSPAPER MEN

The Oregon chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalism fraternity, initiated four active newspaper men of the state of Oregon on November 12. The initiation ceremony was held during the annual homecoming celebration on the campus. Those initiated were Philip L. Jackson, assistant publisher, and Donald Sterling, managing editor of the Oregon Journal, Portland; Hal E. Hoss, publisher of the Oregon City Enterprise, and Ralph R. Cronise, editor of the Albany Democrat. Mr. Hoss is acting as publisher of the Oregon City Enterprise, in the absence of E. E. Brodie, president of the National Editorial Association, who is acting as minister to Siam.

W. F. G. Thatcher, professor of advertising in the Oregon School of Journalism, was also made an honorary member.

The Oregon chapter of the fraternity has elected to membership as honorary members in addition to those initiated on November 12, the following: Ben Hur Lampman and W. H. Warren of the Portland Oregonian, and J. E. Wheeler, president, and L. R. Wheeler, vice-president of the Portland Telegram Publishing Company.

REPORT OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD AT MANHATTAN

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Professor Beckman then reported on the system of grading in the classification of the chapters as to the activities. That system is:

National relations	20%
Finance	14%
Activities in Journalism	18%
Character of Membership	20%
General activities	5%
Chapter meetings	13%

The question of gridiron banquets lead Mr. Morris of Grinnell to inquire into the practicability of small schools putting on such an event. His inquiry was favorably commented upon by Black of Nebraska.

President Hogate suggested that some of the best chapter reports be read. Several such reports were then read.

Mr. Perry, of Missouri, then moved that the delegates make a small contribution toward the furnishing of the local Theta Sigma Phi chapter club room in appreciation for the cooperation of the chapter during the present convention. The motion was passed. Mr. Perry collected \$43.

Mr. Turner, of Kansas, chairman of the expansion committee, then rose to report. He stated that no undergraduate chapters had petitioned admittance but that Kansas City alumni had been given authorization to organize a chapter. His report was accepted.

Report of Expansion Committee

"This committee finds no petitions for charters in undergraduate bodies at hand. A petition that a charter be granted to an alumni organization in Greater Kansas City was approved and deferred to the Executive Council, where it was ratified.

"This committee recommends a very careful consideration of petitioning bodies in the future. It also recommends the establishment of Alumni Chapters in whatever newspaper centers a strong body of Sigma Delta Chi members can be found.

Mr. Cowling, of Washington, reported on the publications of several chapters, including humor magazines, newspapers, literary magazines, etc. The report was accepted. It follows:

Committee on Local Publications

"1—That chapters publishing papers under the name of Sigma Delta Chi be extremely careful that attempts to be humorous do not lead to things which are in direct opposition to the principles upon which Sigma Delta Chi is founded.

"2—That the vice-president of the Fraternity be delegated to receive, inspect,

file, and present at each convention, all publications by chapters, in the name of the fraternity.

"3—All chapters must submit promptly such publications to the first vice-president.

Mr. Poynter, of Indiana, moved that the acceptance of the Minnesota invitation for the 1923 convention be made unanimous. Motion unanimously passed.

In the closing minutes of the morning session Mr. White suggested that the resolution committee commend the action of the American Boy in interesting the Nation's youth in national politics. Convention adjourned.

The session reconvened Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. Tousley, of Minnesota, chairman of the committee on relations with contemporaries, gave the following report:

Relations With Contemporaries

"In view of the situation at Stanford in particular and several other chapters in general, this committee recommends that in cases where opposition exists, Sigma Delta Chi attempt no antagonism but by sheer merit keep on the top of the heap. Means to this end are, for example, gridiron banquets, high school editors' conferences, going after good honorary members, general journalistic activities."

Chairman Snow, of the discipline committee, presented his report. It was taken up by articles. An article advising the expulsion of the Virginia chapter was adopted. Mr. Herbert inquired about the status of the members of North Carolina chapter. President Hogate replied that a man's membership could not be taken away, although the charter was annulled. The report was accepted. The report follows:

Report of Discipline Committee.

"The Discipline Committee recommends that the Virginia Chapter be withdrawn from Sigma Delta Chi.

"Reasons:

1—Lack of proper relationship with national fraternity.

a—Failure to attend 1921 convention.

b—Failure to pay fine for non-attendance at 1921 convention.

c—Negligence in answering correspondence.

2—Uncertainty regarding invitation of members entering journalism.

a—Only 4 members out of 12 show favorable indications of entering profession.

b—Two of four doubtful of intention.

3—President Reuben Maury, of Virginia chapter, admits in letter to President Hogate that his organization has

never done anything for national fraternity and asserts that the national fraternity has never done the Virginia chapter any good.

"The committee on discipline recommends the expulsion of the North Carolina chapter.

"Reasons:

1—Unsatisfactory relationship to national fraternity.

a—Failure to meet financial requirements.

b—Failure to answer letters and telegrams from national officers.

"The committee advises that chapters exercise more care in selection of delegates, suggesting that men who have been in the fraternity at least on year be chosen.

"The committee on discipline recommends that article XI section 5, of the constitution be changed to read; "No chapter shall be allowed to vote which has not met all financial obligations to the national fraternity," (Referred to Constitution Committee).

"Amend Section 1, Article XII, by adding the following: 'Any member facing expulsion must be given opportunity to state his defense before the national convention before he can be expelled.' (Referred to Constitution Committee)

"The discipline committee recommends a fine of 50 cents for members reporting late at sessions of convention, the money to be paid over to the Quill Fund."

The report of the constitution committee was then presented by Chairman French, of Wisconsin. The report was considered by sections. With a few minor changes the report was adopted, with the exception of section 5, article II. The report follows:

Constitution Committee Report

"1—That the constitution be republished with the amendments incorporated in its body.

"2—That a permanent constitution committee be appointed to search for any flaws or weaknesses in the national constitution and formulate their recommendations for the 1923 national convention.

"Amendment to amendment of Article II, Section 2 to read: The pledge emblem shall be a silver quill five eighths of an inch in length dipped in black enamel.

"Amend Article IV, Section 4, by adding the following: Each initiate, following initiation, shall, before he can become an active member, memorize and be able to repeat in a manner satisfactory to the entire membership of the local chapter, the Statement of History and Principles prepared for this purpose from the Ritual.

"The following to be substituted for Article V:

"1—The official publication of the fraternity shall be called the Quill. It shall appear at least six times in every year.

"2—The Quill shall be under control of a board of publications, which shall consist of the president and the two immediate past presidents. They shall be responsible to the national organization for the conduct and finance of The Quill.

"3—Quill shall be under immediate charge of a managing editor, who shall be reimbursed by a sum to be determined annually at the national convention. This managing editor shall be responsible to the board of publications.

"4—Each local chapter shall send to national secretary headquarters \$10 for each new member initiated. Of this amount, at least \$5 shall be devoted to Quill and the remainder shall go to the national organization.

"5—That part of the initiation fee paid to Quill of \$5 shall entitle the member to a five year's subscription to Quill, beginning with the first number after initiation.

"Amendment to Article VI, Section 4 to read: Five or more alumni living in any city may establish an alumni chapter but no more than one alumni chapter may be established in any one city.

"Alumni chapters shall exemplify the alumni ritual at least once a year.

"Amendment Article VII Section 1 to read: The national officers of the fraternity shall be: National president, first national vice-president, second national vice-president, national secretary, national treasurer, national historian, managing editor of the Quill, and alumni secretary. There also shall be a national honorary president.

"Section 2 to read: They shall be elected by the convention and hold office for one year, with the exception of the national historian, whose term of office shall be five years.

"Amendment of Article VIII Section 3 to read: The national secretary shall direct the expansion of the fraternity, shall care for the general correspondence, keep the membership record, and supervise the issuance of badges and certificates. The national secretary shall receive all funds issuing from the active and alumni chapters which he shall pay out to the treasurer. The national secretary shall be required as secretary or recording secretary of the convention which shall elect a secretary.

"Amendment to Article VIII Section 5: The managing editor of the Quill shall direct its publication, under the direction of the board.

"Add Section 7: The alumni secretary

shall organize alumni chapters, foster closer relationship between alumni and the national organization, and further the interest of the fraternity through the alumni.

"Amendment to Article VIII to add Section 9 as follows: Appropriation for alumni work shall not exceed the funds collected from the alumni.

"Amendment to Article IX Section 1 to read: The executive council shall be composed of 11 members of which the past national president shall be chairman and the national secretary shall be secretary. The remaining members shall be national president, the national vice-presidents, the national treasurer, the alumni secretary and four members chosen by the convention who shall be known as the executive councilors.

"Amendment to Article X Section 5 to read: An installation fee of \$10 shall be paid by each alumni chapter.

"Section 6 to read: National membership fee of \$10 shall be paid by each undergraduate initiate and each associate initiate, at least \$5 of which shall be paid to the Quill.

"Section 7 to read: The national membership fee does not include payment for the official jewelry which shall be obtained upon application to the national secretary by the local chapter secretary.

"Amendment to Article XII Section 1, add to it as follows: Such member shall be given opportunity to state his defense before the national convention or the executive council before he may be expelled."

Vice-president Herbert took the chair. Mr. Hogate moved that the Key be given to Secretary Tapping. Motion carried.

The resolutions committee reported. The report follows:

Resolutions Committee Report

"We, the Sigma Delta Chi Fraternity, being assembled for its eighth annual convention at Manhattan, Kansas, November 15, 16, and 17, 1922 do hereby resolve:

"I—That we express our most sincere and real appreciation of the admirable manner in which the national officers have discharged their duties during the past year—to the national honorary president, Prof. F. W. Beckman; to the president, Kenneth C. Hogate; to the vice-president, H. H. Herbert; to the secretary, T. Hawley Tapping and to the treasurer, Ward A. Neff for for the untiring service each has rendered in his attention to the arduous duties of office; to the editor of the Quill, Professor Frank L. Martin, who in spite of the serious handicap of illness, has successfully published the fraternity magazine; to Lee A. White the past national president who

has worked constantly for the strengthening and promotion of Sigma Delta Chi ideals; and to the members of the National Executive Council for faithfully fulfilling the duties of their offices.

"2—That we proffer our most sincere thanks to the organization who has given and worked most unselfishly in making this convention a success; to the local Kansas State chapter for entertaining the convention so royally and so well; to Theta Sigma Phi for its participation and for the splendid luncheon at which Sigma Delta Chi members were guests; to the Chamber of Commerce of Manhattan for cordially welcoming the convention at the smoker given; to the Public Speaking Department of the college for its entertainment on Wednesday evening; to Professor N. A. Crawford and the Department of Journalism for its excellent luncheon given on the final day of the convention; to the fraternities, who have been most admirable hosts to the delegates; to the Kansas State Agricultural College for its splendid welcome and for the use of its buildings; and finally to members of this fraternity and friends elsewhere who have sent their greetings and best wishes by letter and wire.

"3—That we extend our most sincere thanks to E. Haldeman-Julius, Charles M. Harger, and C. J. Stratton whose interesting talks were important features of the convention program.

"4—That we appreciate and do desire to thank the Capper Press of Topeka for their kind offer to entertain the convention at their plant on Saturday and the Kansas University Chapter of the fraternity for its invitation to attend the Kansas-Colorado football game at Lawrence.

"5—That we appreciate the interest our officers and alumni have shown by their attendance at and valuable assistance to the convention.

"6—That we deeply appreciate the valuable labors of Lee A. White and Cyril A. Players who have during the past year studied and revised the ritual of the fraternity and of Professor Beckman and his committee who have been considering a fraternity code of ethics.

"7—That we congratulate the Minnesota Chapter on attaining the distinction of entertaining the 1923 convention of the fraternity and desire to thank Minnesota, Cornell, Michigan, Indiana, Northwestern, Oregon State, Ohio State for inviting the convention to meet with them.

"8—That we proffer thanks to the L. G. Balfour Company, official fraternity jewelers, for the handsome souvenirs

which were presented to the convention with their compliments.

"9—That we believe that the future of Sigma Delta Chi lies largely among the alumni; and in order to further the work among them we think chapters should establish closer relations with their respective alumni bodies by means of chapter papers, bulletins, or personal letters, that each chapter should keep accurate records of its alumni members and that each chapter should aid the alumni secretary and the editor of the Quill in their relations with alumni of the fraternity.

"10—That we desire to thank the individuals who anonymously presented the trophies for this year and next.

"11—That Sigma Delta Chi, advised of the praiseworthy endeavor of the American Boy to stimulate youthful interest in the obligations of citizenship through the secondary scholastic press, heartily commends the editors and publishers and wishes them success in their enterprise.

"12—And lastly, that we wish to thank all who have had any share whatsoever in the success of this convention."

The report of the policy committee was then presented. It follows:

Report of Policy Committee

"The policy committee submits the following recommendations: 1—More strict adherence by local chapters to Article 4, Section 4 of the constitution, which provides that candidates for membership must have done actual and proficient work in journalism, either in or out of college, and must have a definite intention of following journalism as a profession. It is the observation of the committee that too many men are admitted to Sigma Delta Chi who have no intention of following journalism as a profession.

"2—That the present forward-looking policy of Sigma Delta Chi indicates the work of the fraternity must necessarily extend further into the actual field of journalism, and that in so doing some provision for changing the name of the fraternity may become necessary outside the undergraduate field.

"The committee does not recommend any change in the name Sigma Delta Chi, either inside or outside the undergraduate field, but calls to the attention of Sigma Delta Chi membership the need of extending the ideals and aims of the fraternity to the entire journalistic profession, even if this entails some alteration in the present form of the fraternity itself. The time may come eventually when Sigma Delta Chi can take over, or at least back, the establishment of a national association of advanced journalists, and this committee believes it is

well to look forward to that development with open mind.

"3—Irasmuch as the sentiment of the convention has been toward greater activity in the alumni field, the committee recommends that all undergraduate chapters take immediate steps to co-operate fully with the national alumni secretary in maintaining contact with all alumni and in enlisting their support. The committee believes that each chapter by following this policy will discover a means of getting into closer touch with the profession outside the undergraduate world.

"4—A further recommendation of the committee is that local chapters limit the number of associate members, taking particular care in the selection of these men to prevent any possibility of lowering the ideals and purpose of Sigma Delta Chi.

"5—Care must be exercised by local chapters in choosing delegates to the national convention. The delegate is the closest link between the national fraternity and his local chapter and much of the future success of a chapter depends on the completeness with which the delegate has grasped the meaning and policies of the convention and upon the ability he has to put them into practice."

Vice-president Herbert asked for discussion on the matter of taking in new members. The Miami delegate stated that they solved the problem by limiting the membership to a small number. Mr. Norris, of Grinnell, stated that there was no problem at his chapter, although it was a small school, because of the active interest in journalism there. Mr. Ralph of Beloit, said that the membership there was limited to six or eight and that they now had three members and six pledges. Mr. Moran, of Western Reserve, averred that his chapter made it a rule not to pledge a member who had not already proved successful in the field of journalism.

Mr. Bowes, of Purdue, gave a few remarks on the situation there. Mr. French, of Wisconsin, told of the letter from a faculty member of a small school and said that the only salvation for the smaller school is to do as the Miami and Beloit schools were doing—limit their membership. He also remarked on the principle involved in taking in ineligible members. Mr. Kirk, of Miami, remarked that he did not believe it fair to establish an arbitrary number in a school of any size because of the fact that the number of ineligible men was so much greater in small schools. Mr. French believed that an arbitrary limit was no more unfair to smaller schools than the 25 limit is now for larger schools. Mr. Norris, of

Grinnell, was excused from the convention.

The report of the policy committee was then adopted.

Mr. Bowes, of Purdue, remarked on the red tape in the handling of the correspondence. He stated that his chapter received communications from all the officers and that many were conflicted. He believed that some system should be provided to eliminate conflict in correspondence. Mr. Poynter, of Indiana, moved that the convention recommend to the president that a central office be established to carry on all correspondence pertaining to the national convention. The motion carried. Professor Beckman remarked that the motion be considered only in a general way.

Mr. White reported that the New York Times had been chosen as the standard paper of the fraternity for the coming year. Thirteen newspapers were nominated. The report was accepted.

Mr. Tousley proposed the name of Walter T. McGuire, editor of the American Boy, for national honorary membership.

Mr. Nevin, of Pittsburgh, told of the situation at his chapter. He stated that with the aid of a faculty member an effort was being made to get the administration interested in journalism (again and to get the school back on the map. President Hogate remarked on the matter, saying that the matter of acting on the Pittsburgh situation will, he supposed and believed, be unnecessary. He suggested that more active relationship be kept with the national secretary. Mr. Perry, of Missouri, spoke on the Quill. Mr. French inquired about the admission of sophomores. Mr. Hogate read the constitution on the subject and stated that the policy should be to rely on the constitution. Mr. Thackery, of De Pauw, chairman of nominations committee, explained the manner of procedure of his committee and gave their report, which follows:

Report of Nominations Committee

"The committee on nominations respectfully submits, after due consideration, the following nominations of officers of the national fraternity for the year 1922-1923.

"Honorary National President—Dean Walter Williams, of the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri; president of the Press Congress of the World.

"President—Ward A. Neff (Missouri), vice-president of the Corn Belt Farm Dailies; editor of the Daily Drivers' Journal of Chicago. Now national treasurer.

First vice-president—Peter Vischer

(Cornell) of the staff of the New York World; formerly of the Post and the Sun; charter member at Cornell (organizer of that chapter). Now an executive councillor.

"Second vice-president—H. H. Herbert (Ill.-Okla.), director of the School of Journalism at the University of Oklahoma. Now vice-president.

"Secretary—T. Hawley Tapping (Mich.) now national secretary. Resident staff correspondent at the University of Michigan for the eight daily newspapers of the Booth Publishing Company, and editor of Acacia magazine.

"Treasurer—George Pierrot (Washington), assistant managing editor of the American Boy, at Detroit. Formerly an executive councillor.

"Executive Councillors (4 to be elected): Reuel Barlow, (Wis.-Minn.); Stewart D. Owen (Ill.), city editor Huntington, W. Va., Advertiser; Fred E. Tarmen (Okla. 10, charter member), editor and publisher of the Norman, Okla., Transcript; Paul E. Flagg (Kan.), former delegate to convention; staff of Kansas City Journal; organizer of Kansas City Alumni; William E. Drips (Wis.-Iowa State), member journalism faculty of Iowa State and agricultural magazine writer; Norman E. Hill (Mich.), part owner and editor of Sault Ste. Marie (Mich.) News; Feroid Robinson (Stanford), associate editor of The Freeman, N. Y., magazine of opinion.

Alumni secretary (new office)—Donald Clark, charter member of Grinnell chapter, organizer and charter member of Columbia chapter; executive councillor; secretary of Des Moines Alumni; managing editor Northwestern Banker and editor of Underwriter's Review at Des Moines."

Mr. White inquired about the position of the editor of the Quill on the executive council. Mr. French moved that the constitution be amended. The report of the resolutions committee was accepted. Mr. Frederickson nominated Mr. French for member of the executive council but Mr. French asked that his name be withdrawn. Mr. Tousley of Minnesota nominated R. R. Morrow, head of the department of journalism at Minnesota. The following officers were elected.

Honorary national president—Dean Walter Williams.

President—Ward A. Neff.

First vice-president—Peter Vischer.

Second vice-president—H. H. Herbert.

Secretary—T. Hawley Tapping.

Treasurer—George Pierrot.

Alumni Secretary—Donald Clark.

Executive Councillors—William E.

Drips, R. R. Barlow, Paul E. Flagg, Gerald Robinson.

Mr. Hogate then turned the chair over to Mr. Neff. Mr. Neff, in a short talk, stated that he wished to correct the impression that Mr. Hogate's service for Sigma Delta Chi was over. He asked for a motion of thanks to Mr. Hogate. The delegates stood and cheered.

The convention adjourned.

DELEGATES GUESTS OF SORORITY AT MANHATTAN

One of the delightful entertainments arranged for the delegates at the eighth annual convention of Sigma Delta Chi in Manhattan, Kan., was a luncheon given by the Mu chapter of Theta Sigma Phi. With only a few members in the chapter the sorority entertained the entire delegation in such a pleasant manner that the Sigma Delta Chi representatives sought to repay their kindness in a minor way. Each delegate contributed \$1 and the total collection of \$43 was given to Prof. N. A. Crawford of Kansas State to be expended in helping to fit up a chapter room. The president of the Theta Sigma Phi chapter at Manhattan has written the following letter of appreciation to President Ward A. Neff:

"Let me express for the Mu chapter of Theta Sigma Phi the genuine gratitude of the organization for their gift to be used in the furnishing of our club room. It was very wonderful of you all—the spirit that prompted the action has repaid us a hundred times for any effort we may have made to entertain the Sigma Delta Chi delegates. It means so much to us to know that the Sigma Delta Chi delegates really enjoyed meeting with us. Wishing Sigma Delta Chi a prosperous and interesting year,

"Sincerely,

"Edith D. Abbott, President,

"Mu chapter, Theta Sigma Phi."

STOCKBRIDGE PRESIDENT OF ALUMNI IN CHICAGO

The Chicago chapter of Sigma Delta Chi heard a report of the national convention at a meeting held December 23, given by National President Ward A. Neff and Chester W. Cleveland, the new managing editor of the Quill. At the close of the meeting, because of his election as national president, Mr. Neff resigned as president of the Chicago chapter. Frank B. Stockbridge was elected to fill his place and Frank W. Thayer was named vice-president to succeed Charles Dillon. The other officers elected in October are: Secretary, Lee Comegys (Missouri) and treasurer, Ralph H. Niece (DePauw).

Annual dues of \$4 a member was decided upon. This amount includes an assessment of \$1 for the Quill and \$1 dues provided for by the convention at Manhattan. The Chicago alumni chapter claims first honors, both in renewing expired alumni subscriptions to the Quill and in collecting national dues.

J. N. DARLING BECOMES HONOR MEMBER OF S. D. C.

J. N. Darling, Des Moines' famous cartoonist, was initiated as an honorary member of the Iowa State College chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity, at a special meeting at the Grant Club, Des Moines, on October 27. Following the ceremony a dinner was given in honor of Mr. Darling and Will Irwin, noted war correspondent and novelist, who is also a member of Sigma Delta Chi.

Prof. F. W. Beckman of Ames was toastmaster at the dinner. Short talks were made by Mr. Darling, Mr. Irwin, Dean C. F. Curtiss, of Ames; Mortimer Goodwin, president of the Ames chapter of Sigma Delta Chi; Dana Norris, president of the Grinnell College chapter of Sigma Delta Chi; A. H. Brayton, Donald H. Clark and D. F. Malin of the Des Moines alumni chapter.

Twenty members of the Ames chapter, fifteen members of the Des Moines alumni chapter and four members of the Grinnell chapter attended the meeting.

EARLY GRIDIRON PLANS MADE AT IOWA STATE

Three new pledges were voted into the Iowa State College chapter of Sigma Delta Chi at a recent meeting of the chapter held at the College Inn.

Allen Whitfield, '24, issue editor of the Iowa State Student, Ralph L. Culver, '23, associate editor of the Iowa Agriculturist, and L. L. Dilworth, '23, associate editor of the Iowa Agriculturist, were the men.

Looking forward to the Gridiron banquet, the event with a campus-wide reputation for abolishing dull care, President Mort Goodwin has appointed a committee to gather material and lay plans for the annual affair. Recommendation for the date and place of the banquet will be made at the next meeting.

PRAISE FOR KANSAS HOSTS

High praise was accorded the Manhattan chapter of Sigma Delta Chi by the seven Ames men who reported on their trip to the national convention at the Wednesday night meeting of the Ames chapter at the College Inn. The delegates testified to the exceptional hospitality of their Kansas brothers.

RECENT NEWS OF THE BREADWINNERS

Walter K. Tower (Michigan) is now living in Detroit.

James W. Stites, Virginia '22, is practicing law in Louisville, Ky.

John S. Morris (Miami) is now a reporter on the Dayton, O., Herald.

Andrew J. Brewer, Virginia '14, is financial editor of The Louisville Times.

Elmer Sefert (Kansas) is reporting on the St. Joseph Gazette, at St. Joseph, Mo.

Russell Barnes (Michigan) is now covering the state capitol for the Detroit News.

Ronald Kain (Montana), is editor-in-chief of the Montana Banker, published at Great Falls.

George Scherck (Montana), is sports writer on the staff of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Joseph Townsend (Montana), is doing publicity work for Montana State College at Bozema.

Harold Andrews (Iowa '22) is with the Des Moines Register. He was editor of Frivol last year.

Stewart T. Beach (Michigan) is writing book reviews and special articles for New York newspapers.

Floyd Hockinhal (Kansas), is in the circulation department of the *Capper Publications* in Topeka, Kan.

W. A. P. Hohn (Michigan) is now connected with Brooke, Smith and French, Inc., Advertising Agency, Detroit, Mich.

Bruce Gould (Iowa '22) is chief of the Boston office of the United Press. He was formerly business manager of Frivol.

Harvey J. Olson (Marquette), of Hutchinson, Minn., has accepted a position as city editor of a daily in that city.

Frank D. Hicks (Iowa '20) has left the staff of the Evening Courier, Waterloo, Ia., and is now news editor of the University of Iowa.

Warren Bassett (Iowa '21) is state editor for the Associated Press with offices in Des Moines. He was a former editor of Frivol, a humorous magazine.

Offered a lucrative position with the Armour Company of Chicago, in the advertising department, Elwyn J. Lewinski accepted it and has left Marquette University.

Harry Griffin, Seymour Gorsline, Glenn Chaffin, and Guy Mooney of the Montana chapter are employed on the editorial staff of the Great Falls (Mont.) Tribune.

George Kramer, A. B. St. Marys, Kansas, one of the petitioners for the Marquette chapter, has assumed the duties of professor of economics at the University of Detroit.

Kenneth Olson (Wisconsin), is now on the Capitol Times, Madison, Wis., as managing editor. He was on the Milwaukee Journal for two years previous to the present change.

Harcourt Parrish, Virginia, '20; W. Russell Briney, Virginia '20; Wilbur Cogshall, Indiana '22; and Mark Trueblood, Indiana '22, are on the staff of the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Howard Weeks (Michigan) until recently on the staff of the Detroit Saturday Night, was married recently to Miss Virginia Morrison of that city. They went to Europe on a honeymoon.

Joseph Boyle (Kansas), is manager of the Associated Press office in Austin, Tex. After graduating in 1920, Boyle ferson City, Mo., and latter to Topeka, ferson City, Mo., and the later to Topeka, Kan.

Henry C. Dennis, former long distance runner, alumnus of Wisconsin, has been employed on the Milwaukee Journal for the last year. He is now with the Republican-Voice, New Richmond, Wis., as managing editor.

Harold A. Gill (Wisconsin, '20), is on the city desk of the Milwaukee Journal. Bertram N. Zilmer (Wisconsin, '20), is state editor on the same paper. Walter Arnold has been on the staff of the Milwaukee Journal for the last two years.

Among the Marquette students getting practical experience on newspapers between classes is Oliver Kuechle, '23, who is sports writer on the Milwaukee Sentinel, besides contributing to golfing and other sporting publications of the Middle West. Recent editions of the Milwaukee

Arts magazine contained contributions by Mr. Kuechle.

George A. Dundon (Marquette, '22), Ispheming, Mich., is church editor on the Milwaukee Journal and Arthur Wiesner, '22, Milwaukee, have been initiated into the Milwaukee Press club. Mr. Wiesner spent some time on the Madison Journal, but returned to Milwaukee to accept a position as general assignment reporter on the Morning Sentinel.

Joseph E. Helfert (Marquette, '22), Hoisington, Kan., is a Wisconsin state manager for the United Press Association, under direct supervision of a Marquette journalism alumnus, Jerry O'Sullivan of Chicago, who is manager for the Central West division of the United Press. Mr. Helfert was married recently to a Milwaukee girl, and will make his home in that city.

DEPAUW CHAPTER ADDS SIX NEW MEMBERS

The DePauw chapter is more active this year than ever before. With its members composed of men who are going into journalism as a profession and nearly everyone having worked on newspapers during the summer months, the organization has taken on a new spirit.

The twice yearly Sigma Delta Chi humorous publication, "The Yellow Crab", crawled forth and took the campus by storm on December 8. The editor, Brother Milo Mitchell, and staff received many compliments. Brother "Red" Adams was business manager of the issue.

Brother Eugene Thackery is editor of "The DePauw", the official school bi-weekly.

Initiation was held on the evening of December 13 for six pledges. The chapter announces the following neophytes: John Bryan, Allen McGinnis, Howard Caskey, Paul Bell, Agnew Cox, and Robert Bain. The brothers are Eugene Thackery, Milo Mitchell, Joseph Adams, Halford Houser, Wilbur Clippinger, Edwin V. O'Neel and Philip Maxwell.

DEATH OF H. J. PRENTISS, JR. FOLLOWS AN ACCIDENT

Henry J. Prentiss, Jr., (Iowa '22) managing editor of the Cedar Rapids, Ia., Republican, died at the University of Iowa hospital October 31, 1922, as a result of a broken neck received in a fall on concrete stairs in the Republican office October 19. Two vertebrae in his neck were fractured. Mr. Prentiss had only been with the Republican three days



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